



## COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMaIO

FIFTH DISTRICT

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 2010

TO: Deborah Sharpe, Project Officer, City Planning Community Investment  
Stacey LoMedico, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio *Carl DeMaio*

RE: Scripps Ranch Community Park Joint Use Agreement  
(Item 330: June 22, 2010)

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My office has received feedback from the Scripps Ranch Recreation Council regarding the Joint Use Agreement between the City and San Diego Unified School District for the Scripps Ranch Community Park and Ellen Browning Scripps Elementary School.

The Scripps Ranch Recreation Council has raised concerns with several aspects of the agreement. As a result, I will be requesting a continuance of this item at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting to allow for the resolution of these items. The concerns raised by the Recreation Council are as follows:

- **Use of Basketball Facilities**

The map on page 16 of the Joint Use Agreement designates the pathways as “school use” during the day. However, the pathway leads to the basketball courts, seemingly jeopardizing the use of the courts by community residents during school hours.

Further, if the school intends to use the courts during school hours, it appears that the issue needs to be further addressed in the agreement and the City compensated accordingly.

- **4.3.1 Wet Conditions**

Recreation Council members have raised concerns regarding the current phrasing of this section. Given the potential impact to the long-term maintenance of the field, please elaborate on the rationale behind the decision to state that, “[t]he DISTRICT and CITY **should** not use the turfed field” as opposed to “[t]he DISTRICT and CITY **shall** not use the turfed field...[under] excessively wet conditions to avoid severe damage.”



- **4.4 Scheduling Maintenance and Renovations**

This section establishes the times of year when major maintenance or renovation of joint use facilities can occur, estimating 6 weeks between April and June each year.

It is my understanding that the renovations usually occur between June and August, but that the Recreation Council would prefer added flexibility to ensure that the fields are not closed during times that conflict with sports league schedules. Eliminating the reference to specific months has been suggested as a potential solution.

- **4.6 Conversion of Joint Use Area to Other Use**

Members of the recreation council have suggested that the City clearly prohibit any potential encroachment by the school through the addition of portable classrooms on park land, allowing for such a conversion on school property only.

- **10.4 Fingerprinting Requirements**

It is my understanding that the subcontractors hired to do the landscape work are not currently required to have their fingerprints submitted and cleared by the Department of Justice pursuant to Education Code section 45125.1. The joint use agreement includes such a requirement. What actions, if any, must the City take to comply with this requirement?

I request that the City's Park and Recreation Department provide a response to the concerns listed above and work to resolve these issues, including making potential revisions to the joint use agreement where appropriate. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns regarding this matter. I look forward to the resolution of these issues so that this agreement can be moved forward and the concerns raised by community members addressed.